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CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS FROM CHRIST CHURCH  
PARISH

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COOK'S OLD FIELD (PART OF THE HAMLIN PLANTATION)

Jere / William Leland / Died Nov. 3, 1891 / Aged 9 months / and  
23 days / Our bright and / beautiful boy / Beloved 'til life /  
could charm no more.

Our Sister / Hannah's / Little Daughter / Hannah / Born in Ala-  
bama / April 19, 1845 / Died in Columbia S. C. / Feb / 17,  
1847 / (Foot stone, H. N. P.)

Little Sallie / Daughter of / J. A. & A. A. Leland / Born Feb. 16  
1849 / Died June 25 1849 / "It is well with the Parents"

Little Johnny / son of / J. A. & A. A. Leland / Born June 6 1847 /  
Died July 26 1848 / "It is well with the Child"

Little Lizzie / Daughter of / J. A. & A. A. Leland / Born Jan. 9,  
1852 / Died Oct. 6, 1854 / "It is well"

Another / Little / Johnny / Son of / J. A. & A. A. Leland, / Born  
August 16, 1856 / Died August 19 1857 / He was a pleasant  
child.

In / Memory / of / John / son of / Rev. A. W. & Mrs. Eliza /  
Leland / Born 3rd. Nov. 1813 / Died 9th Feb'y 1814 / Sleep on  
sweet Babe / We hope to meet again.

Ann Allston / wife of / J. A. Leland / Born June 5, 1824 / Died  
July 8, 1903 / The law of kindness / Governed her life.

John Adams / Leland / Born Aug. 22, 1817 / Died March 19,  
1892 / "The very Gentlest of / All human natures / He joined  
to Courage / Strength.

Here / Repose in hope / of the Resurrection unto Life / the pre-  
cious mortal remains of / Mrs. Eliza Leland / Daughter of /  
Hon. James and Sarah Hibben, / and Consort of / Rev. A. W.  
Leland D.D. / Prof. of Theo'y in the Sem'y in Col'a S. C. /  
Who calmly fell asleep in Jesus Dec 29, 1856 / Aged 64 yrs.  
2 mos. and 12 days / For nearly 48 years she was the light of  
her Husband's home / and had become the untiring prop of

his age / She did all that a Mother Could do, and / lived to see  
all her Children the professed followers / of her "Blessed  
Saviour." / Her Youngest Son a few weeks before her death /  
when with a full heart she exclaimed / "My work on Earth is  
done" [19 more lines of eulogy.]

Jesus Wept. / Beneath this tablet / Sweetly reposes / The lovely,  
and much loved form of / Mrs. Eliza Hibben Bardwell / consort  
of / Rev. Joseph Bardwell, / and daughter of / Rev. Dr. A. W.  
and Mrs. Eliza Lelend / Who departed this life / In the Faith  
of Christ, / August 13th 1857 / Aged 27 Years and 3 Days /  
[five lines of eulogy omitted] An affectionate and dutiful Daugh-  
ter / A fond and tender sister / A loving and faithful Wife / And  
a devoted and self-sacrificing Mother / Her work on earth  
though short, was done / And "well done" / For many years  
a consistent Member / of the Presbyterian Church / [12 more  
lines of eulogy omitted.]

Here / sleep in Jesus the mortal remains of / Mrs. Sarah Hibben /  
the beloved Wife of / James Hibben / who finished a course of  
distinguished / Piety and Usefulness / and entered into the  
joy of her Lord / on the 26th day of July, Anno Domini, 1827, /  
in the Fifty sixth year of her age. / (4 lines of eulogy) A most  
affectionate Wife / A most tender, faithful Mother / (8 lines of  
eulogy) With uncomplaining patience, she endured / the several  
and long protracted sufferings / of her last illness, / and thus  
through much tribulation / entered into immortal glory. / Let  
her descendants / from generation to generation cherish / with  
grateful veneration the memory / of their excellent Ancestress, /  
to whom they will be indebted for / Inestimable Blessings.

This Tablet / Is inscribed / By the bereaved and mourning Fam-  
ily, / As a memorial of their affection and grief, / To the memory  
of their most beloved / And excellent Father; / James Hibben, /  
Who having served God and his generation / Faithfully, / By  
a life of active usefulness / And enlarged benevolence, / Finished  
his course with joy / January 4th 1835; / Aged 68 years / Let  
the remembrance of the virtues, / That adorned his charac-  
ter, / And honored his name / As the friend of the poor / The  
patron of the deserving, / As the Benefactor of the community, /  
And the devoted Servant of Christ / Assuage the sorrows of  
his / Afflicted Children. / And excite them to give all diligence /

To follow his example, partake of his Faith / and Thus obey  
his dying injunction / "Prepare to meet me in Heaven" /  
Being death he yet speaketh.

In Memory / of / Mrs. Sarah Margaret Cater / consort of / Rev'd  
Edwin Cater, / Pastor of Wappetaw church, / And Daughter  
of / Rev'd Dr. A. W. and Mrs. Eliza Leland, / of Columbia,  
S. C. / who calmly fell asleep in Jesus / At Mt. Pleasant, the  
place of her Nativity / October 8th 1857 / Aged 46 Years and  
4 Months / She was a most affectionate Daughter, / A loving  
Wife, a tender Mother, / A fond Sister, a kind Relative. / [6  
lines of eulogy.]

Departed this life / on the 11th of Jan'y 1840 / Mrs. Sarah  
Hamlin / of Christ Church Parish, / Aged 76 years / and 8  
months / This tribute of esteem and affection / for departed  
worth, is Erected / by her Children. / [6 lines of eulogy.]

Sacred to the Memory / of / Thomas Hamlin / who departed this  
life / on the 7th of January, 1818 / In the 63rd. year of his Age /  
[8 lines of verse.]

Here repose the remains / of / John, Jane Dewees, / Elizabeth  
Anna, Thomas, / and William, who died in infancy. / And of  
Theodora Emily / Daughter of John and Ann Hamlin; / Who  
departed this life on the 5th April / A. D. 1847. / Aged Seven-  
teen Years and 10 Months, after a short and severe illness. /  
[25 lines of eulogy.]

In Memory of / Arnold Wells, Esq'r. / Who departed this life on  
the 11th day of / July A. D. 1805. / Aged 26 years and 6 months  
[9 lines of eulogy.]

This Tablet / Is inscribed by grateful affection, / To the memory  
of / Mrs. Sarah Margaret Bennett / Who having finished a  
course of / Active usefulness, / Died in the Faith & Hope of the  
Gospel / On the 8th day of December 1827, / Aged lxxiv years. /  
Fifteen of her grandchildren, / And forty of her great-grand  
children, / Survive to venerate her memory.

Underneath / This monument of filial affection, / Are the mortal  
remains of / Mrs. Martha Gordon, / who departed this life, /  
On the 1st day of March 1833 / Aged 62 years. / [6 lines of  
eulogy.]

In Memory / of / Mary Harriet Pepper, / Youngest Daughter of /  
A. M. and P. A. Pepper, / Who died Feb 13, 1861, / Aged 15  
years, 4 mos. and 27 days. / (14 lines of eulogy and quotation.)

Our Little Son / Frank Carlile / Only Child of / N. C. and S. A.  
Hamlin. / Born Nov'r 23rd 1856 / Died Oct'r 15th 1858. . . .

In Memory / of / Sarah Ann Hamlin / Wife of / N. Cobia Hamlin, /  
An affectionate wife, a mother / bereaved of her only child, /  
a sufferer from / protracted illness, / a sinner trusting in the  
blood / of Jesus / she fell asleep in the / communion of the /  
Christian Church, / on the 7th of March, 1859, / aged 27 years  
and 2 months. / . . . .

In Memory / of / Emily G. Hamlin, / Wife of Thomas Hamlin, /  
who died / July 10th 1859, / Aged 28 years. / By common con-  
sent, / one of the loveliest and / most devoted Christians / who  
have ever adorned / This community; / one whose holy life  
was / an unanswerable proof / of the religion of Jesus. / Weep,  
afflicted Parish, / for another praying soul / has been taken from  
thee! / Affectionate sister, / dutiful daughter, / tender wife,  
faithful mother, / Christ-like saint, / Farewell. / . . . .

Girardeau / Infant son of / Thomas and Emily G. Hamlin, / who  
died / July 14th 1859 /

Mike / A faithful Servant of / Thomas Hamlin Esq. / Died Sept.  
1857. / He was an honest, intelligent, / Christian man.

Our / Mother / In Memory / of / Mary Hamlin, Daughter of  
Philip Moore, / and Relict of / Thomas Hamlin. / Who died  
January 25th 1868 / Aged 68 Years, 11 months, / and 19 days /  
. . . . .

Erected / In affectionate remembrance / Of / Mrs. Sarah White, /  
Consort of / John White, / who departed this life / On the 25th  
day of May 1842, / Aged Fifty Four Years, / And Five Months  
. . . . .

In Memory / of / Thomas Hamlin, / Who died 25th February  
1849 / Aged Fifty Five Years, 1 Month, and 9 Days. / (19 lines  
of eulogy)

[Also a bricked up grave prepared for, but never furnished with  
a slab.

In the same burying ground are the unmarked graves of Mr.  
James Hamlin, a brave scout of the Confederacy; and of a faithful  
servant, Amanda Switzer]